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- 11. (SBU) Post delivered reftel demarche via diplomatic note on September 20. During a September 23 discussion with Mohammed al-Hassan, Director of Political Affairs for Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi, Pol-Econ Chief reviewed the importance of the Forum of the Future and urged that the Minister attend the event. Al-Hassan promised to relay the message to bin Alawi, but did not provide a substantive reply.
- ¶2. (SBU) The Ambassador will attempt to raise the Forum for the Future directly with bin Alawi after the Eid al-Fitr holiday. Post will provide further information on this issue septel. GRAPPO